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SENATE BILL 60

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; INCREASING THE NUMBER OF JUDGES IN THE DONA ANA MAGISTRATE COURT; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION; INCREASING THE NUMBER OF COURT EMPLOYEES IN THE DONA ANA MAGISTRATE COURT; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR AFFECTED PUBLIC DEFENDER AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICES; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 35-1-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968, Chapter 62, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:

"35-1-10. MAGISTRATE COURT--DONA ANA DISTRICT. --There shall be [~~five~~] six magistrates in the Dona Ana magistrate district. Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, [~~and~~] 5 and 6 shall operate as a single court in Las Cruces and shall rotate riding circuit to Anthony and Hatch on a regularly scheduled basis. "

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1 Section 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION--MAGISTRATE COURTS--
2 APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTION. --

3 A. The office of magistrate in Dona Ana division 6
4 shall be filled by appointment by the governor to begin serving
5 on July 1, 2003. The appointed magistrate shall serve until
6 succeeded by the magistrate elected at the general election in
7 2004 to fill the unexpired term ending December 31, 2006.

8 B. The first full term of office of magistrate in
9 Dona Ana division 6 shall be filled by election at the general
10 election held in 2006 and the term of office shall begin
11 January 1, 2007.

12 Section 3. APPROPRIATIONS. --

13 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the
14 general fund to the following agencies for expenditure in
15 fiscal year 2004 for costs associated with the additional
16 magistrate judge in the Dona Ana magistrate district:

17 (1) ninety-nine thousand three hundred eighty
18 dollars (\$99,380) to the administrative office of the courts
19 for salaries and benefits and furniture, supplies and equipment
20 for one additional magistrate judge in the Dona Ana magistrate
21 court;

22 (2) two hundred eighty-two thousand four
23 hundred eighty-six dollars (\$282,486) for salaries and benefits
24 and furniture, supplies and equipment for six additional court
25 employees in the Dona Ana magistrate court;

